

RAIN SPOILS FETE FOR 3,000 WOMEN

Du Pont Home Invaded by 6,000 Dainty, Mud-Gar-nished Heels.

CLUB VISITORS HEAR C. U. PLEA

Party with Equal Suffrage as Platform Urged—Western Delegates Dubious.

The heir of the du Pont millions perched down through the bannisters. "Ladies," he chuckled to his nurse, "gladly down there."

Other members of the du Pont family made the same observation yesterday afternoon, in what must have been a descending scale of delight, although they all smiled valiantly, as three thousand suffragists and club women invaded their estate at Great Neck. Three thousand pairs of high heels dug up their perfect turf, and three thousand pairs of muddy shoes tramped over the pearl grey carpets of the du Pont reception hall.

Mrs. Coleman du Pont stood in line with O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Prestoy Satterwaite and officials of the Congressional Union, and shook hands with every one of the three thousand.

"Women's place may be in the home," growled one of the visitors, "but I'm thankful it isn't my home they picked out to be in. I bet the du Pont family will have to spend all day Sunday cleaning up."

Rain Causes Invasion.

It wasn't that the clubwomen from Port Wayne, Ind., and Portland, Ore., weren't as polite as polite could be, and more than one good housekeeper was heard to groan over the fate of those pearl grey carpets, but even the most sympathetic of clubwomen could not stay out of doors when it rained.

After the programme of music and suffrage speeches there was ice cream and cake and coffee. Experienced "tea fighters" emerging breathless and askew, with a plate of ice cream held high over their heads, called at "a regular riot in there." Those serene plans of Mrs. du Pont for serving refreshments under the spreading elms beside the Sound were disturbed by the rain, and they had to crowd the food for food into the dining room of the mansion, which is large for a family, but small for a mob.

Aside from all this, everybody had a wonderful time at the Congressional Union garden party. The 3,000 went down to Great Neck on the steamer Mandalay, with a band and a dancing floor on board.

The party was the final move of the Congressional Union to interest the delegates of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in the work for the federal suffrage amendment. Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain, Mrs. Florence Kelley, Hillis of Delaware, and Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman made the chief addresses.

Votes for Women Platform.

A large proportion of the visitors were from the Far Western states, where women already vote. It is the programme of the Congressional Union to form among the women voters a woman's party, which shall make votes for women the only plank in its platform. If the Democratic party now in power in Washington does not pass the federal suffrage bill at this session of Congress, the woman's party will call its members to vote against the Democrats in November.

"We won't have the votes of four million women voters," said Mrs. Hillis, "we don't expect them all to stand with us, but we do expect to have enough to hold the balance of power in those western states."

The western clubwomen were interested, but a little dubious about the scheme. "It sounds like a threat to us," murmured one placid club president. "You know we California women never did anything the men didn't like when we were campaigning and we've been very nice, too, even after we got the vote." However, the Congressional Union leaders were pleased to have had the opportunity of preaching their gospel to women from all parts of the country, and they called it a good day's work. Mrs. William Colt, of Bronxville, Miss Helen Todd, Mrs. Florence Kelley and Mrs. Harry Hastings were among the prominent suffragists who assisted in dispensing suffragist argument.

SHAKESPEARE STILL POPULAR.

Shakespeare has attained to that sure sign of popular approval—the publican's sign—and in London you may find some dozen taverns over which he swings, says "The London Chronicle." In our street nomenclature, too, there are the Shakespeare roads of Hernehill and Stoke Newington. An odd little cluster of Shakespearean street names is to be found in a northern suburb—Prospero road, Miranda road, Lysander grove, Cressida road and Parolles road. That last lends itself to some pleasing varieties of pronunciation.

MEXICAN DEMAND TO BE REFUSED

Wilson to Frame Reply Monday to Request for Withdrawal.

MAY IGNORE SHARP PASSAGES IN NOTE

Baker Sees Smooth Sailing in Pershing Conference—Mari-etto Ordered to Tampico.

Washington, June 3.—President Wilson probably will take up with Secretary Lansing Monday the question of framing a reply to General Carranza's new demand that the American troops be withdrawn from Mexico.

Officials have no indication yet as to the answer, further than that it will not yield to the insistence that General Pershing's men retire across the boundary.

Because of what are deemed offensive references and statements in the note, some officials think the reply should be sharp and carry a rebuke for the seeming discourtesy.

Other advisers suggest that because the communication prefaces its unusual utterances with the statement that it proposes to be entirely frank and hopes the sensibilities of the United States government will not be wounded, that the reply will ignore the discourteous passages and confine itself to refuting misstatements and a firm expression of the intention of the United States to keep the expedition in Mexico until Carranza has demonstrated his ability to control the situation.

Secretary Baker conferred with the President today. Results of the conference yesterday between Generals Pershing and Gaviro were not mentioned. Presumably Mr. Baker outlined the situation of the American troops and the dispositions of the Carranza forces about them.

Secretary Baker later described the Pershing-Gaviro meeting as friendly and tending to show the desire of the Carranza commander to carry out his campaign against the bandits thoroughly and in a cooperative spirit with the Americans.

The gunboat Marietta was ordered from Vera Cruz to Tampico to-day to relieve the anxiety of Americans who complain of the hostility of General Nafarrete, Carranza district commander.

SWISS SANTA AN ANGEL

Brings Children Apples, Nuts and Prunes at Christmas.

Extra festivities are, of course, held in Switzerland between Christmas and New Year's, that long anticipated time of the year which signifies for the majority of the natives a period full of sacred mystery and the anniversary of many a day particularly specified in old traditions, according to "The Springfield Republican." Some twenty or thirty years ago it used to be Santa Claus whom the children hailed as the mystic donor of their various gifts, consisting of apples, nuts, prunes and small home baked cakes. Later on the "Christkindli," a lovely Angel with wings, gradually started to take old Santa's place in many districts of Switzerland. Christkindli brought a wonderful, brilliantly lighted Christmas tree, decorated with glittering threads of silver and gold and heavily laden with manifold gifts.

Many ancient and quaint customs are still prevalent in Switzerland during this period of the year. To the unmarried folk Christmas holds that magic key to the unknown future. On Christmas Eve, when the bells are calling to worship in the village church, you must drink three times from nine different fountains, and you will then behold your husband or wife-to-be standing at the church door.

Miraculous powers are also attributed to Christmas. Children born on that day can see ghosts, and are able to tell fortunes. Water can be changed into wine, and if you are some sort of an adept in the mysterious art of magic you are at that time able to safeguard yourself against all bodily injuries. Farmers in certain parts of the country believe that if they fertilize their fruit trees during Christmas week the same will bear especial quantities of fruit for the next season. And when the happy Christmas days are over, there comes New Year's Eve, with its jolly social and family gatherings and its marvellously effective ringing in of the new year, when all the church bells throughout the land are lifting up their voices for half an hour.

While Christmas, 1916, will hardly be a general day of rejoicing in many a great country in Europe, Switzerland is preparing to celebrate it in its usual way. There will perhaps be less laughter in the valleys and fewer brilliant festivities in the fashionable winter resorts above the clouds. Brotherly love and sympathy for the bleeding neighbors could not will it otherwise, but Switzerland is grateful to the fate which has so far, in spite of everything, been kind to it.

FIND SUBMERGED FOREST.

A submerged oak forest covering several square miles, from which logs more than 100 feet in length have been taken, was discovered by Russian engineers in dredging a river, says "The Indianapolis News."

DEVICES WAY TO DETECT SUBMARINE'S PRESENCE

Telescope Kept Parallel to Sea on Moving Ship.

It is widely recognized that, with an efficient lookout to detect the existence of a submarine in the neighborhood of a ship, effective measures can

be taken against a successful attack by the torpedoes of such craft, either by immediate and rapid retreat from the vicinity, or, if there is reasonable prospect of success, by combating the submarine boat, says "Engineering." It is true that the periscope offers a small point of observation, but this only increases the importance of a complete and sharp lookout.

The difficulty is that, with the best of binoculars or telescopes, the move-

ment of the ship disturbs the constancy of the observation. Even with the arms resting on the rail of the bridge, or of the gunwale, the movement of the ship is a disturbing element.

John Gardner, of Fleetwood, the well known inventor of the Gardner submarine signalling system, has devised a method which promises to overcome this difficulty, as he insures that the observer, comfortably seated, with his

telescope supported on a stand in front, can be certain that the telescope or binocular glasses will always be approximately parallel to the surface of the sea, irrespective of the movement of the ship.

He achieves this end by mounting a pedestal securely to the deck, and on this is carried the seat, with the table to support the telescope or binoculars on a standard, and the seat and table are maintained truly horizontal rela-

tive to the sea surface by the operation of a gyroscope. Moreover, the platform, with seat and table, is automatically rotated slowly from left to right, and vice versa, by the utilization of the power of the gyroscope, so that the observer need only concern himself with keeping a sharp lookout within the field covered by the slowly moving instrument.

Irrespective of the movement of the ship, due to sea swell or waves, the

lookout can scrutinize every part of the sea surface within a radius compassed by the telescope in its movement to and fro.

A FIVE-MILE TUNNEL.

The government of New Zealand is building a five-mile tunnel at a cost of nearly \$5,000,000 to give close connection between the east and west coasts of South Island.

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